

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007  
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answered roll call. Councilman Sheehan entered the meeting at 6:15. Councilman Fields was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the January 16, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Next Wednesday, February 13, there will be an important meeting sponsored by the Education and the ECDC Workforce Development subcommittees. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. at the Rush County School Administrative Offices at 8<sup>th</sup> and Jackson Streets. We have notified area employers to attend. One of the requested topics from previous meetings is work ethics. There will be a 25 minute presentation by Brittany Daugherty on this topic to open up the meeting and Jim Spence with East Central Opportunities delineating the services provided at the newly renovated Work One Center at 103 North Morgan Street. If any of Council would like to attend this meeting I am sure that it will be informative.
- I have been presented with a copy of a contract for services by the Rush County Economic and Community Development Corporation for 2007. The amount pledged by the City of Rushville is \$75,000.00, which is the same as Rush County has pledged and is only binding for the year 2007. Byrne made a motion to approve the contract for 2007. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under the new City of Rushville zoning ordinance there is a need to have a Historic Board of Review. I have contacted six persons as possible candidates. I have five who have tentatively accepted the appointment pending the approval of the City Council as specified in the ordinance. The nominees submitted for approval are: Joe Davis, 602 N Main; Al Hodge, 212 E Willard Ave; Jim Huston, 503 N Perkins; Joe Ratz, 1005 N

- Main; Gary Cameron, 705 N Morgan. Pavey made a motion to approve the list of nominees. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Copley reminded everyone that there are insurance meetings on Friday at 10:00 and 1:30 at Council Chambers.

February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 there will be a meeting on the handbook policy at City Hall.

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Pavey reported:

- ½ of the ads are sold for Riverside Park and the concerts have been set.
- The ag zoning is headed in the right direction.
- The fiber contract has been given to Ron Liennemann and should be ready to sign in approximately 2 weeks.
- Rush Renewable Energy has 99% of their financing in place. There is no commitment on a ground breaking date. Pavey asked how long the City's commitment stays in place regarding TIF. Newhouse said she would have to research the matter.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \* \***

None.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \* \***

**Police** – Fudge handed out his month end report and also a training report.

**Street** – Bennett handed out an overview of 2006.

**Animal** – Hill passed out a monthly report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Billboards on City Property** – Richard Peterson from Porter Advertising was present to discuss the lease with the City on the billboards that will expire in April

and May of this year. He presented 2 options for Council to review. Sheehan stated that the City wants to limit the amount of billboards, and the City does not wish to be in the billboard business.

Pavey said that maintenance of the billboards was an issue. He said he was not in favor of a standard industry contract. The maintenance issue needed to be specific.

Sheehan said he would like to see a better deal than those options presented.

Pavey made a motion to table the matter for further input. Pavey then rescinded his motion.

Byrne made a motion to reject the current proposals. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pavey and Sheehan volunteered to discuss the matter with Peterson.

**Annexation Claims** – Pavey made a motion to approve the annexation claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Quotes for Pick-up Trucks** – Bennett presented the following quotes for 2 trucks:

1. Rushville Hubler - \$19,127.18 per truck, trade in of \$3,000.00
2. Connersville GM Superstore - \$16,803.00 per truck, trade in of \$2,000.00

Bennett recommended the quote from Connersville GM Superstore. Sheehan made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2 trucks from Connersville GM Superstore. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER